

**REMARKS**

In the present Amendment, Claim 1 has been amended herein to incorporate the subject matter of Claim 2. Accordingly, Claim 2 has been canceled, and Claim 3 has been amended to depend only from Claim 1.

No new matter has been added, and entry of the Amendment is respectfully requested. Upon entry of the Amendment, Claims 1 and 3-14 will be pending, of which Claims 5-14 are withdrawn from consideration.

Referring to Paragraph No. 3 of the Office Action, Claims 1, 3 and 4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Elliot et al., JCS Perkin Trans. I, 1974, pp. 2470-74 in view of Hoffman et al., J. Org. Chem. Vol. 27, July 1962, pp. 2687-89.

Without acquiescence in the merits of the rejection, to advance prosecution, Claim 1 has been amended herein to incorporate the subject matter of Claim 2. Claim 2 was not subject to the present rejection and was indicated by the Examiner to contain allowable subject matter.

Withdrawal of the Section 103 rejection of Claims 1, 3 and 4 is respectfully requested.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111  
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